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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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In re	:	Chapter 11
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Gawker Media LLC, <i>et al.</i> , ¹	:	Case No. 16-11700 (SMB)
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Debtors.	:	(Jointly Administered)
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**EIGHTH MONTHLY STATEMENT OF
SIMPSON THACHER & BARTLETT LLP FOR
FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED AS COUNSEL FOR THE
OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS FOR THE
PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2017**

¹ The last four digits of the taxpayer identification number of the debtors are: Gawker Media LLC (0492); Gawker Media Group, Inc. (3231); and Gawker Hungary Kft. (f/k/a Kinja Kft.) (5056). Gawker Media LLC and Gawker Media Group, Inc.'s mailing addresses are c/o Opportune LLP, Attn: William D. Holden, Chief Restructuring Officer, 10 East 53rd Street, 33rd Floor, New York, NY 10022. Gawker Hungary Kft.'s mailing address is c/o Opportune LLP, Attn: William D. Holden, 10 East 53rd Street, 33rd Floor, New York, NY 10022.

Name of Applicant:	Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP Counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors
Date of Retention:	August 17, 2016 (<i>nunc pro tunc</i> to June 24, 2016) [Docket No. 184]
Period for Which Fees and Expenses are Incurred:	February 1, 2017 through and including February 28, 2017
Fees Incurred:	\$14,615.50
Expenses Incurred:	\$0.00
Total Fees and Expenses Due:	\$14,615.50

This is a Monthly Fee Statement.

SUMMARY

1. Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP (“**Simpson Thacher**”), attorneys for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in the above-captioned cases (the “**Committee**”), hereby submits this statement of fees (the “**Monthly Statement**”) for the period from February 1, 2017 through and including February 28, 2017 (the “**Compensation Period**”) in accordance with the Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals [Docket No. 94] (the “**Interim Compensation Order**”). Simpson Thacher requests interim allowance and payment of compensation in the amount of \$11,692.40 (80% of \$14,615.50) of fees on account of reasonable and necessary professional services rendered to the Committee by Simpson Thacher during the Compensation Period.

FEES FOR SERVICES RENDERED DURING THE COMPENSATION PERIOD

2. **Exhibit A** sets forth a timekeeper summary that includes the respective names, positions, department, bar admissions, hourly billing rates and aggregate hours spent by each Simpson Thacher professional and paraprofessional that provided services to the Committee during the Compensation Period. During the Compensation Period, the blended hourly billing rate of Simpson Thacher partners is approximately \$1,375.00 and associates is approximately \$512.26.

3. **Exhibit B** sets forth a task code summary that includes the aggregate hours per task code spent by Simpson Thacher professionals in rendering services to the Committee during the Compensation Period.

4. **Exhibit C** sets forth detailed time records of Simpson Thacher professionals for the Compensation Period.

NOTICE

5. Pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, notice of this statement will be provided: (i) the Debtors, Gawker Media LLC, 114 Fifth Avenue, 2d Floor, New York, NY 10011, Attn. Heather Dietrick (heather@gawker.com) and William D. Holden (profinvoices@gawker.com); (ii) counsel for the Debtors, Ropes & Gray LLP, 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036, Attn: Gregg M. Galardi (gregg.galardi@ropesgray.com); (iii) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York, 201 Varick Street, Suite 1006, New York, NY 10014, Attn: Greg Zipes & Susan Arbeit; (iv) counsel to US VC Partners LP, as Prepetition Second Lien Lender, Latham & Watkins LLP, 330 North Wabash Avenue, Suite 2800, Chicago, IL 60611, Attn: David Heller (david.heller@lw.com) & Keith A. Simon, 885 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10022, Attn: Keith A. Simon (keith.simon@lw.com); and (v) counsel to Cerberus Business Finance, LLC, as DIP Lender, Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP, 919 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10022, Attn: Adam C. Harris (adam.harris@srz.com).

Dated: March 7, 2017
New York, New York

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

Timekeeper Summary

Name of Professional	Title	Department	Year of Admission	Hourly Rate	Hours Billed	Total Compensation
William T. Russell Jr	Partner	Litigation	1991	\$1,375.00	3.70	\$5,087.50
Julia E. Heald	Associate	Litigation	2016	\$615.00	0.40	\$246.00
Jonathan E. Endean	Associate	Corporate	N/A	\$510.00	18.20	\$9,282.00

EXHIBIT B

Task Code Summary

Matter	Description	Hours	Amount
002724-0006	Case Administration	1.80	\$1,650.00
002724-0007	Claims Administration and Objections	1.20	\$1,650.00
002724-0010	Employment and Fee Applications	17.30	\$9,947.50
002724-0025	Non-STB Fee Applications	2.00	\$2,058.00

EXHIBIT C

Time Detail

Timekeeper Category: 002724-0006 - Case Administration

Date	Name	Description	Hours	Amount
2/10/2017	Heald, Julia E.	Review docket and update case calendar	0.30	\$184.50
2/11/2017	Endean, Jonathan E.	Corres. re: Shiva Ayyadurai expenses	0.30	\$153.00
2/13/2017	Endean, Jonathan E.	Corres. re: Shiva Ayyadurai reimbursement	0.30	\$153.00
2/14/2017	Endean, Jonathan E.	Emailed Ropes re: Effective Date	0.20	\$102.00
2/16/2017	Endean, Jonathan E.	Corres. w/ D. Tabak re: Effective Date	0.30	\$153.00
2/17/2017	Endean, Jonathan E.	Rev. corres w/ Cmty re: Effective Date	0.10	\$51.00
2/23/2017	Endean, Jonathan E.	Corres. w/ Shiva & assistant re: W-9	0.20	\$102.00
2/28/2017	Heald, Julia E.	Review docket and update case calendar	0.10	\$61.50
Totals:			1.80	\$960.00

Timekeeper Category: 002724-0007 - Claims Administration and Objections

Date	Name	Description	Hours	Amount
2/22/2017	Russell Jr, William T.	Review claims objection (.6) review 2/14 hearing transcript (.6)	1.20	\$1,650.00
Totals:			1.20	\$1,650.00

Timekeeper Category: 002724-0010 - Employment and Fee Applications

Date	Name	Description	Hours	Amount
2/14/2017	Endean, Jonathan E.	Prep. Jan. fee statement (0.7); prep 2nd interim fee app. (3.0)	3.70	\$1,887.00
2/15/2017	Endean, Jonathan E.	Prep. and filed 7th Fee Statement	0.80	\$408.00
2/15/2017	Endean, Jonathan E.	Prep. 2nd Interim Fee App.	0.70	\$357.00
2/16/2017	Endean, Jonathan E.	Prep. and filed 7th Fee app (2.0); prep. second interim fee app (2.5)	4.50	\$2,295.00
2/17/2017	Endean, Jonathan E.	Prep. second interim fee app.	2.20	\$1,122.00
2/22/2017	Endean, Jonathan E.	Prep. 2nd interim fee app	0.30	\$153.00
2/22/2017	Russell Jr, William T.	Review and revise draft STB fee app	0.60	\$825.00
2/23/2017	Endean, Jonathan E.	Prep. 2nd interim fee app	0.40	\$204.00
2/23/2017	Russell Jr, William T.	Revise draft fee app and emails Endean re same	0.40	\$550.00
2/24/2017	Endean, Jonathan E.	Prep. 2nd interim fee app (1.1); Call w/ J. Mon re: same (0.4)	1.80	\$918.00
2/28/2017	Endean, Jonathan E.	Reviewed expenses and fees for 2nd Interim Fee App.	1.60	\$816.00
2/28/2017	Russell Jr, William T.	Emails t/cs J. Endean re STB fee app issues	0.30	\$412.50
Totals:			17.30	\$9,947.50

Timekeeper Category: 002724-0025 - Non-STB Fee Applications

Date	Name	Description	Hours	Amount
2/3/2017	Endean, Jonathan E.	Rev. Deloitte interim fee statement	0.10	\$51.00
2/4/2017	Russell Jr, William T.	Review Deloitte fee app	0.40	\$550.00
2/8/2017	Endean, Jonathan E.	Filed Deloitte fourth interim fee statement	0.20	\$102.00
2/9/2017	Endean, Jonathan E.	Provided payment details for Debtors to pay professionals	0.30	\$153.00
2/22/2017	Russell Jr, William T.	Review Ropes fee app and emails STB team re same	0.40	\$550.00
2/23/2017	Endean, Jonathan E.	Corres. w/ A. Bathgate (Mourant) re: fees	0.20	\$102.00
2/23/2017	Russell Jr, William T.	Review Akin fee app and emails STB team re same (.4)	0.40	\$550.00
Totals:			2.00	\$2,058.00